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## NATIONAL ORGANIC STANDARDS AND THE ORGANIC COST-SHARE PROGRAM

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In 2013, 53 Connecticut crop or livestock producers have chosen to certify their farming operations under the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)'s National Organic Program (NOP). These 53 farming operations made a commitment to follow USDA NOP standards and have successfully passed an intense inspection process performed by an accredited USDA certifying agent.

Upon successful completion of this process, the farms receive a USDA NOP certificate and are listed on USDA NOP's website, <http://apps.ams.usda.gov/nop/>. This also allows these operations to market their products as certified organic and use the USDA NOP certified organic seal.

The USDA NOP regulations are identified in [7 CFR Section 205](#). This federal regulation includes organic standards, prohibited practices, requirements producers need to meet, and the list of allowed and prohibited materials. The complexities of this certification have created the hardest commodity standards any producers have to comply with.

The grower or livestock producer who wishes to become certified organic must provide proof of using approved USDA organic standards and methods. These standards and methods integrate cultural, biological, and mechanical practices that foster cycling of resources, promote ecological balance, and conserve biodiversity.

All growers or livestock producers wishing to market their products as certified organic must follow the laws that regulate the creation, production, handling, labeling, and trade of their organic products. These producers are also subject to random sampling verifying these

practices are being followed. Through these methods, the integrity of organic products is maintained, and with the inspections and product testing, consumers can purchase these items with confidence, knowing organic standards are being followed.

There are some exemptions for small producers that allow them to advertise their products as "organic" without going through an inspection by a USDA NOP accredited certifying agent. These exemptions can be used by farms with less than \$5,000 in gross annual sales.

These farms are exempt from two requirements. These operations do not need to be certified in order to sell, label, or represent their products as organic, but they may not use the USDA NOP seal on their products or refer to them as certified organic. The second item these operations are exempt from is the requirement of documenting the specific practices and substances used to produce and/or handle organic products.

These operations must still follow all other requirements listed in the USDA organic regulations, including production and/or handling requirements and record keeping to verify the production practices used on products labeled as organic. For more information see the [USDA NOP Organic Certification fact sheet](#) on this topic.

Wayne Hansen, owner of Wayne's Organic Garden in Oneco, has been producing certified organic products for 25 years and is still "plugging along". He can be found offering certified organic produce at a number of farmers market throughout Connecticut.

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**Wayne Hansen (right) has been producing certified organic produce for a quarter century, and participates in DoAg's Organic Cost-Share Program. He sells his produce at several farmers' markets in Connecticut.**

**WHOLESALE PEPPERS  
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
BELL,grn,1-1/9,lg	16.00	16.00
BELL,grn,1-1/9,md	14.00	14.00
BELL,sntn,1-1/9,lg	8.00	10.00
BELL,tn rd,1-1/9,lg	8.00	12.00
CHRRY,ht,1/2bu	16.00	16.00
CUBNELL,1-1/9,lg	12.00	12.00
CUBNELL,1-1/9,tn rd,lg	8.00	8.00
CUBNELL,1-1/9,xl	15.00	15.00
JALPNO,1/2bu	14.00	16.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION**

Sold by actual weights; prices quoted by hundred wt.

49-54	220-300 lbs	69.00-73.00
	300-400 lbs	71.00-75.00
45-49	220-300 lbs	66.00-68.50
	300-400 lbs	67.00-69.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	76.00-78.50
	500-700 lbs	77.50-80.50
Boars:	300-700 lbs	27.00-28.50

**PA GRADER FEEDER PIGS**

Lancaster, PA, per cwt.  
August 7, 2013

Gr US 1-	wt20-30	110.00	130.00
	wt30-50	100.00	125.00
	wt50-60	100.00	120.00
GR.US.2	wt20-30	100.00	115.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, August 12, 2013

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	20.00	22.50
61-75 lbs.	25.00	32.50
76-90 lbs.	35.00	40.00
91-105 lbs.	45.00	47.50
106 lbs. & up	50.00	55.00
Farm Calves	60.00	65.00
Starter Calves	30.00	42.00
Veal Calves	70.00	130.00
Open Heifers	75.00	100.00
Beef Steers	108.00	122.00
Beef Heifers	87.00	93.00
Feeder Steers	70.00	140.00
Stock Bulls	95.00	140.00
Beef Bulls	85.00	97.00
Boars	1 at	7.50
Sows	54.00	92.50
Butcher Hogs	50.00	52.00
Goats each	45.00	150.00
Kid Goats	15.00	150.00
Canners	up to	80.50
Cutters	81.00	86.00
Utility Grade Cows	86.00	90.50
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Rabbits each	5.00	40.00
Chickens each	5.00	27.00
Ducks each	7.00	20.00
Feeder Pigs	25.00	70.00

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES  
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

	Low	High
APPLE,gngr gld,xfcy,88ct	35.00	35.00
APPLE,Jmac,xfcy,bu	30.00	30.00
BEAN,crnbbry,bu	35.00	35.00
BEAN,wax,1-1/9bu	40.00	40.00
BEET,12s	15.00	18.00
BLUEBERRY,clmshll,12/1pt	22.00	24.00
BLUEBERRY,plp,12/1pt	27.00	30.00
BROCCOLI,14ct	16.00	20.00
CABBAGE,grn,50lb	8.00	12.00
CABBAGE,svy,50lb	14.00	16.00
COLLARD,12s	11.00	13.00
CORN,5dz	20.00	24.00
CUCUMBER,spr slct,1-1/9bu	24.00	30.00
EGGPLANT,1-1/9bu	18.00	20.00
GREEN BEAN,1-1/9bu	35.00	42.00
KALE,12s	12.00	13.00
MUSKMELON,ea	1.50	1.50
NECTARINE,22-24lb	30.00	30.00
PARSNIP,25lb	21.00	21.00
PEACH,wht,25lb	24.00	26.00
PEACH,yllw,25lb	20.00	20.00
PEAR,clp,4/5bu	30.00	30.00
PLUM,rd,20lb	26.00	28.00
RHUBARB,20lb	35.00	35.00
SQUASH,grn,fcy,1/2bu	16.00	20.00
SQUASH,gry,1/2bu	24.00	24.00
SQUASH,yllw,fcy,1/2bu	18.00	24.00
SWISS CHARD,12s	15.00	16.00
TOMATO,bskt,jbo,8qt	20.00	20.00
TOMATO,chrry,12/1pt	12.00	15.00
TOMATO,fld grwn,20lb	18.00	26.00
TOMATO,grp,12/1pt	13.00	15.00
TOMATO,hrm,gnhs,10lb	36.00	40.00
TOMATO,plm,25lb	12.00	15.00
WATERMELON,sgrbaby,ea	1.50	1.50

**CT FARMERS' MARKET PRICES**

August 1-7, 2013

	Low	High
APPLE,gngr gld,qt	3.00	3.00
APPLE,Jmac,qt	3.00	4.00
APPLE,plard,qt	3.00	3.00
BEAN,grn,lb	2.00	2.50
BEET,bnchd	3.00	4.00
BLACKBERRY,pt	4.00	4.00
BLUEBERRY,pt	4.50	6.00
CABBAGE,grn,hd	2.00	3.00
CARROT,w/top,bnch	4.00	4.00
CUKE,ea	.50	.75
CURRANT,1/2lb	3.00	3.00
EGGPLANT,lb	2.00	2.99
NAPPA,hd	2.00	2.00
NECTARINE,qt	4.00	5.00
PEACH,lb	2.00	2.00
PEACH,qt	4.00	5.00
PEPPER,bl,ea	.50	.75
SQUASH,grn,lb	1.50	2.00
SQUASH,yllw,lb	1.50	2.00
SWISS CHARD,bnch	3.00	4.00
TOMATO,lb	3.00	3.49

**PA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY**

August 12, 2013

Average Dressing

<b>SLAUGHTER COWS:</b>			
breakers 75-80% lean	79.50	83.50	
boners 80-85% lean	75.00	80.00	
lean88-90% lean	74.00	77.50	
<b>CALVES graded bull</b>			
No.1 94-128lbs	110.00	122.00	
No 2 94-128lbs	97.00	111.00	
No 3 90-130lbs	60.00	80.00	
<b>SLAUGHTER BULLS yield gr</b>			
High dressing	99.00	105.50	
Avg.dressing	94.50	97.00	
Low dressing	85.00	93.50	
<b>SLAUGHTER HEIFERS</b>			
HiCh/Prm3-4,	123.00	123.00	
Ch2-3,	118.00	119.00	
Sel 2-3,	114.00	117.50	
<b>SLAUGHTER STEERS</b>			
HiCh/prm3-4	125.50	128.00	
Ch2-3,	122.00	125.50	
Sel2-3,	117.00	121.50	
<b>SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS</b>			
HiCh/prm3-4	n/a		
Ch 2-3	106.00	110.00	
Sel1-3	101.00	105.50	
VEALER,60 120lb	n/a		
<b>SLAUGHTER LAMBS: ch/pr 2-3</b>			
40-60lbs	130.00	138.00	
50-60lbs	134.00	180.00	
60-70lbs	135.00	175.00	
85 lb	126.00	126.00	
<b>SLAUGHTER EWES: good 2-3: md flesh</b>			
120-150lbs	66.00	68.00	
160- 180lbs	56.00	76.00	
Bucks	130-160lbs	70.00	90.00
	150-190lbs	48.00	77.00
<b>SLAUGHTER GOATS:Sel.1, by head, est. wt.</b>			
40-60lbs	118.00	135.00	
60-80lbs	122.00	144.00	
80-100lbs	128.00	152.00	
Nannies/Does:80-130lbs	140.00	168.00	
	130-150lbs	140.00	175.00
Bucks/Billies: 120-150lbs	180.00	235.00	

**EASTERN PA GRAIN**

August 5, 2013

Average price per bushel

BARLEY	3.85
CORN	6.18
OATS	3.43
SOYBEANS	12.81
WHEAT	6.63

**NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA**

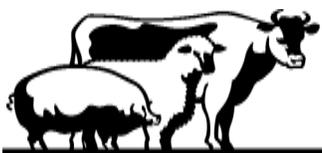
Per doz., USDA Grade A/Grade A white in cartons (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	1.10	1.12
LARGE	1.06	1.10
MEDIUM	.88	.90

**NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS**

Per doz., wholesale Grade A brown in cartons (delivered)

XTRA LARGE	1.55	1.66
LARGE	1.47	1.57
MEDIUM	1.06	1.16



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### NATIONAL ORGANIC STANDARDS AND THE ORGANIC COST-SHARE PROGRAM

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"Going through the applications and inspections each year, paying the fees, and getting credit from customers for growing organically was never really a choice for us—I never wanted to do it any other way," Mr. Hansen said. "While it takes more time and money to get certified, it pays off in many ways, like not having to explain so much to consumers how we operate, and feeling justified in charging a premium for our produce."

"Sunday morning at the Coventry Regional Farmers Market, as I look astounded at the long line of familiar faces waiting for the opening bell to ring," he continued, "I'm very glad to be certified organic. And the 75 percent reimbursement of the annual fees doesn't hurt either."

The reimbursement to which Mr. Hansen referred is the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's (DoAg) Organic Cost Share Program. Thanks to the reauthorization in the 2008 Farm Bill for the National Organic Cost Share Program, 16 states including Connecticut have been awarded funds by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) to disperse funds to provide financial aid to certified organic agricultural producers.

DoAg, through this funding, can reimburse Connecticut's certified organic farmers for a portion of their certification fees. The amount reimbursed is up to 75 percent of the certification cost, or a maximum of \$750. The program is administered on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are exhausted.

Certified organic farmers who would like to take advantage of this program will need to submit to DoAg the following items:

- A copy of their 2013 certification certificate the accredited certifying agent
- W-9 Form
- SP-26 Vendor Form

These forms can be found on DoAg's website at <http://www.ct.gov/doag/cwp/view.asp?a=3243&Q=465932> or by contacting Rick Macsuga at 860-713-2544 or [Richard.Macsuga@ct.gov](mailto:Richard.Macsuga@ct.gov).

Consumer demand for organic products has seen huge growth over the past decade. The combination of high consumer demand and the financial assistance from the state and federal government has allowed Connecticut certified organic farms to grow and thrive.

For those interested in learning more about becoming a certified organic farm, please see the [USDA NOP website](http://www.usda.gov/nop).



Wayne Hansen of Wayne's Organic Garden in Oneco, a certified organic farm

### CONNECTICUT CHEESE PRODUCERS WIN AT COMPETITION IN WISCONSIN

The 2013 American Cheese Society (ACS) Competition was held July 31 through August 3, 2013, in Madison, Wisconsin. A total of 257 companies submitted 1,794 different products.

Three Connecticut producers received honors for their entries in six categories:

- *Ricotta Made from Cow's Milk*  
1st Liuzzi Angeloni Cheese, CT: Hand Dipped Ricotta  
2nd Calabro Cheese Corporation, CT: Hand Dipped Ricotta
- *Fresh Mozzarella under 8 Oz. (Ovalini, Bocconcini, Ciliegine Sizes), All Milks*  
1st Liuzzi Angeloni Cheese, CT: Ovoline
- *Burrata Fresh Mozzarella Encasing a Distinctly Separate, Softer Curd and Cream, or Other Soft Cheese, Core, All Milks*  
3rd Liuzzi Angeloni Cheese, CT: Burrata
- *Smoked Italian Styles (Mozzarella, Scamorza, Bocconcini, Ovalini, etc.), All Milks*  
2nd Liuzzi Angeloni Cheese, CT: Smoke Fresh Mozzarella
- *Farmstead Cheeses, Soft, All Milks; Aged up to 60 Days, Over 50% Moisture*  
2nd Arethusa Farm Dairy, CT: Camembert
- *Cultured Products Made from Cow's Milk*  
3rd Arethusa Farm Dairy, CT: Sour Cream

ACS is a not-for-profit trade organization founded in 1983 to support the North American artisan and specialty cheese industry. The society's first annual meeting was held in 1983 at Cornell, with

150 attendees made up of small-scale and home cheese makers, retailers, academics and cheese enthusiasts.

ACS membership increased to more than 1,500 in 2012.

### EMERALD ASH BORER FOUND IN HARTFORD AND LITCHFIELD COUNTIES

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) announced last week that the emerald ash borer (EAB), *Agrilus planipennis*, recently was detected in Hartford County (Southington) and Litchfield County (Watertown). Identification was confirmed by federal regulatory officials in the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine.

State and federal quarantines previously were established to regulate the movement of ash logs, ash materials, ash nursery stock, and hardwood firewood from within New Haven County to any area outside of that county. The Hartford and Litchfield detection, in addition to the earlier Fairfield County detection in Sherman, will result in the expansion of those quarantines in Connecticut.

Regulations are also in effect regulating the movement of firewood from out of state into Connecticut or within Connecticut, including the requirement of a permit to bring out-of-state firewood into Connecticut. These regulations were put in place to ensure that EAB and other invasive insects are not carried into Connecticut, or spread throughout New England, through the movement of firewood.

Detailed information about the quarantine, including its expansion, and the firewood regulations can be found at [www.ct.gov/deep/eab](http://www.ct.gov/deep/eab) or [www.ct.gov/caes/eab](http://www.ct.gov/caes/eab).

(information from CAES 8/9/13 media release)



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